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Terre Haute Marches On

THE STORY OF A CITY AND IT'S MAYOR

Parks and Recreation . . .

More than 125,000 persons use City Parks

Young and Old make wide use of Recreation

Look for the character of a city in more than its sky line; look for the smaller things—a city's customs, its pride, its pleasures, and its PARKS.

More than 125,000 persons used the city parks this past year for picnics, reunions, band concerts, and other activities.

More than 130,000 boys and girls participated in the parks, school playground activities.

More than 1800 children participated in the annual fishing rodeo in its new pond recently completed. This was an outstanding achievement. Terre Haute has the largest participation record in any city of its size in the world.

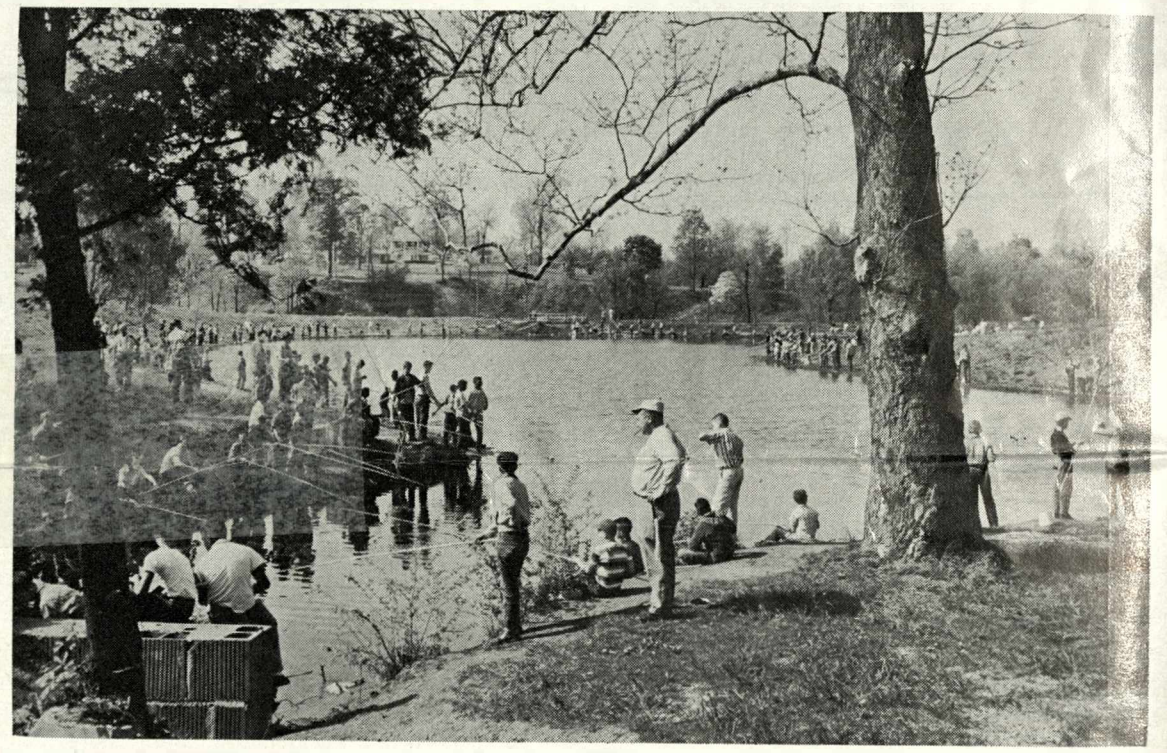
Youth—Key to Tomorrow

Many thousands of our children have participated and enjoyed recreational facilities such as Trains, Merry-Go-Round, Ponies, etc. for the first time in our city's history **without cost to the taxpayer.**

The recreational program saw the realization of some of the fruits of its labor and planning when the Babe Ruth Little League baseball team captured the world's championship title.

Park maintenance and care have been accelerated over the past year and improvements in all parks have been noted . . . repair and painting and maintenance of all physical structures . . . new band stand for Concerts . . . park roads oiled and graded . . . new lights installed others repaired and plumbing installed and repaired . . . new ovens constructed . . . all parks cleaned and raked regularly under trained supervision.

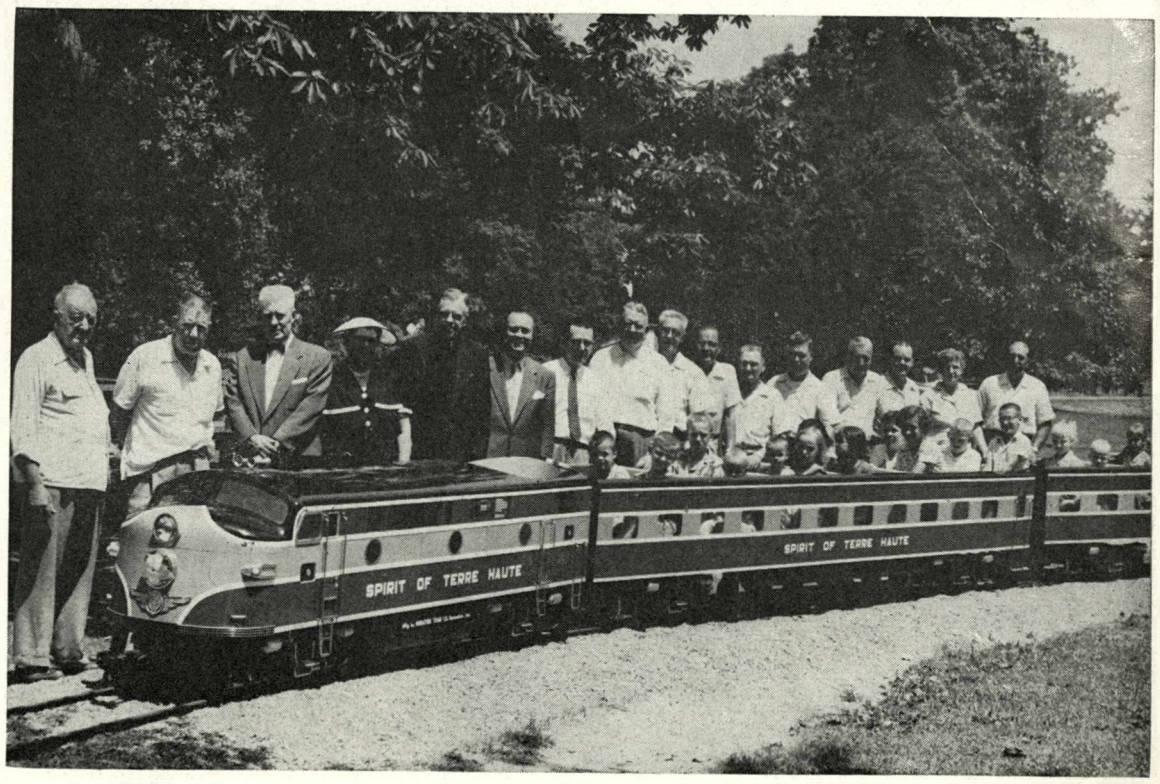
The city is continuing in its efforts and plans to provide additional recreational facilities which include a municipal field house and auditorium. The Mayor will continue in his efforts for swimming pools in our parks . . . all to be headed by a full-time Recreational Director. We must continue in our efforts to expand our recreational facilities for citizens of all ages.



Wholesome Recreation

Ahead of the Time . . .

We can certainly be proud to realize that we now have the finest airport facilities in the State of Indiana and the finest airport facilities of any city our size in the United States. You have undoubtedly witnessed the development and the building of the new Jet Air Base at Hulman Field representing an investment of some three and one half million dollars, and representing an additional payroll in this community of several hundred thousand dollars.



Spirit of Terre Haute at Deming Park

. . . Streets and Sewers

At the beginning of the administration of Mayor Ralph Tucker, he pledged an aggressive program for the improvement of our city including:

1. Extension of our sewer system.
2. Proper lighting of our streets to assure public safety.
3. Improvement and efficient maintenance of our city streets.

Now let us look at the record.

The record shows that there have been approximately twelve miles of new sewers built in Terre Haute during Mayor Tucker's administration . . . or for comparison's sake, twice as many sewers as were built in the previous fifteen years. And further, more than 1500 persons were provided with sewers for the first time in our city's history.

Now that Terre Haute has been certified and that urban renewal is a reality, plans are now being drawn for large new sewers to service all sections of our community. Under an urban renewal approved project, the city pays one-third and the government pays two-thirds. This program provides a means of meeting our sewer problem without mortgaging our future generations.

The Street Department has established an enviable and outstanding record of accomplishments during the Tucker administration. To cite only a few. . . During the year 1959, approximately thirteen miles of streets were resurfaced, making a total of approximately ninety-six miles of streets resurfaced during the Tucker administration, or for comparisons' sake, more than ten times as many streets resurfaced in this administration as were resurfaced in the previous ten years. **An example of unparalleled accomplishments and precision in fulfillment of a pledge.** Approximately 125 miles of streets are graded and oiled each year by the Tucker administration for the first time in our city's history.

Who does not remember the dusty, dirty, unhealthful, unsafe condition of our unpaved streets before the present administration?

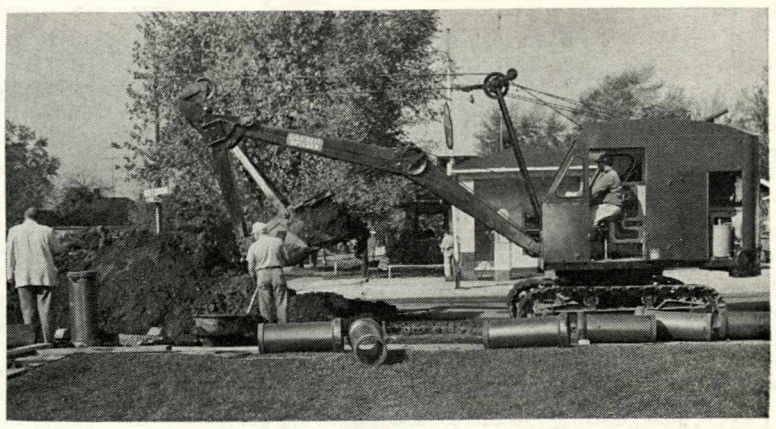
When Mayor Tucker took office there were 109 miles of unpaved dirt streets in the city of Terre Haute. The record shows that he has resurfaced 96 miles of these streets during his administration. Mayor Tucker pledged the ultimate elimination of every dirt street in our community. **His record of fulfillment of pledges is unequalled.**

A few examples in the Street Department alone are:

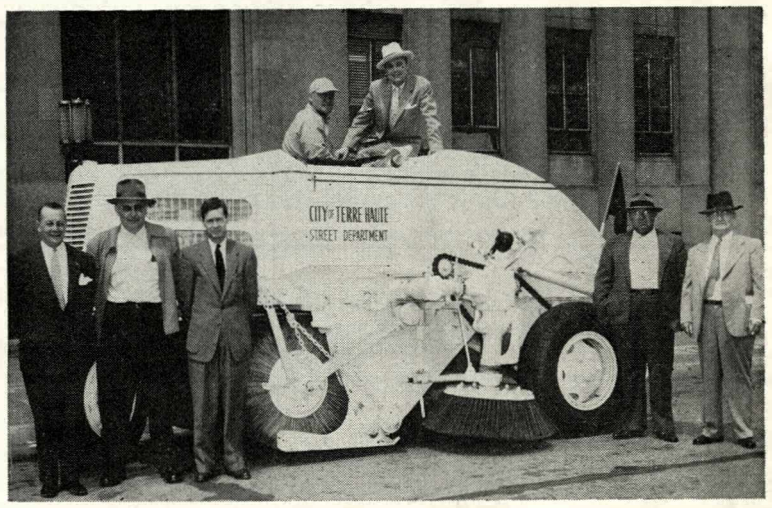
1. **Inaugurated for the first time in the city's history the collection of ashes and trash in our alleys.**
2. **For the first time in our city's history the mechanical collection of leaves from our city's streets.**
3. **New street signs on every corner in our city.**
4. **The opening of Walnut Street improving traffic flow.**
5. **The widest, most modern traffic system in our city's history.**

In addition, many man-holes and catch basins were installed. More than 1200 curbs installed and repaired at intersections. Our city streets are **better, safer** and **cleaner.** The Street Department is better equipped than at any time in our city's history.

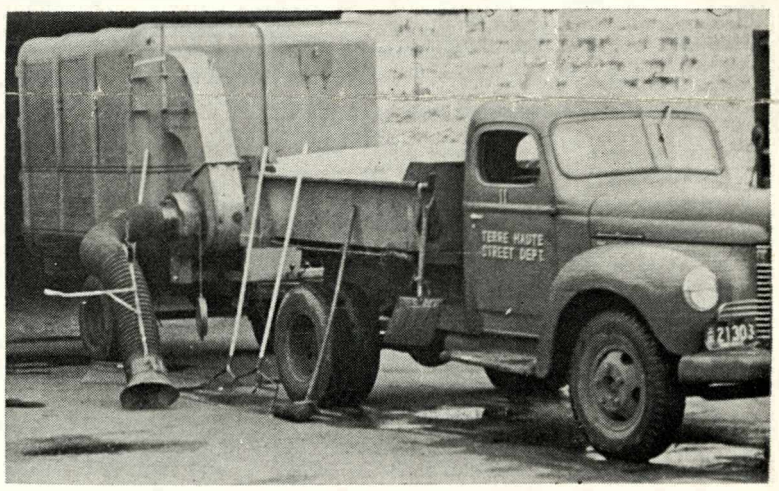
To expedite and facilitate the movement of traffic, the present administration has installed many new traffic signal lights. Walk and wait signs were established at busy intersections for pedestrian safety . . . **another first in our city.**



March of Progress



Clean Sweep

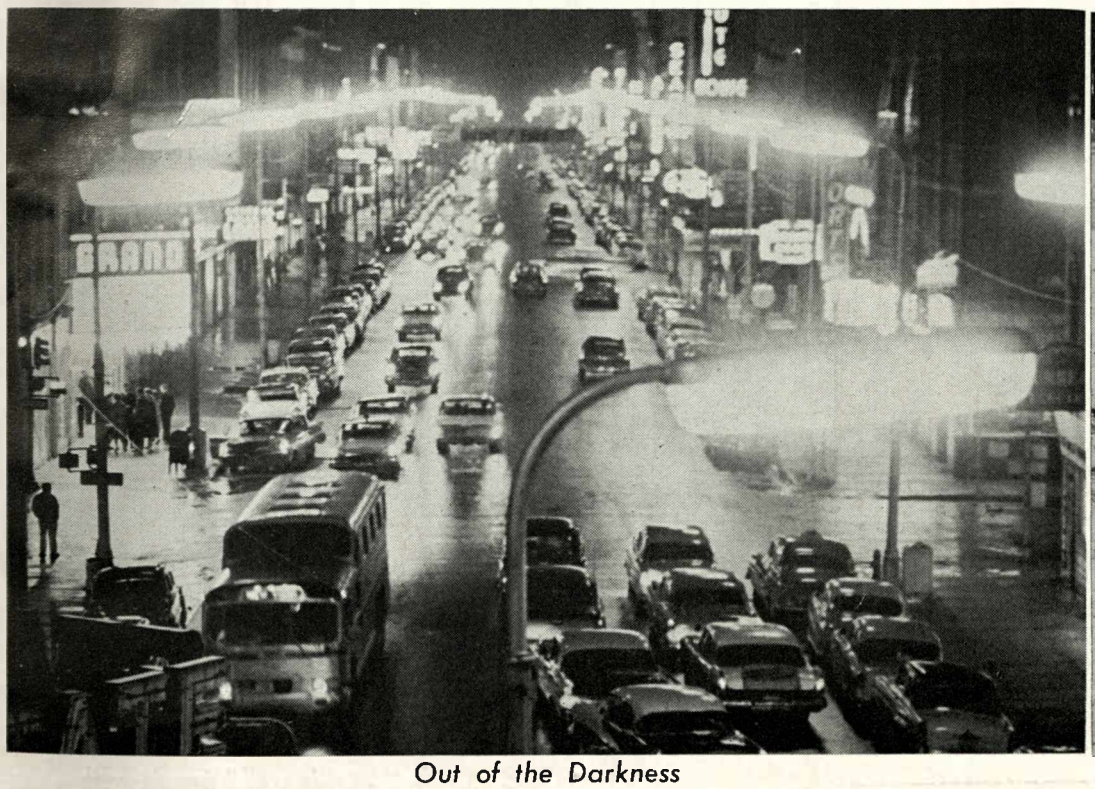


Latest Leaf Picking Equipment

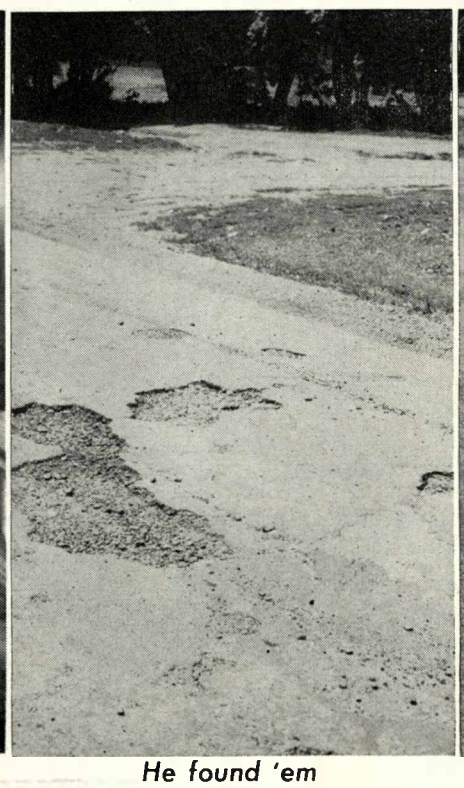
New Street Lights Installed

In the beginning of Mayor Tucker's administration he pledged that he would light up the long neglected dark residential sections of our city for the safety and protection of life and property. Let's look at the record.

In 1958 there were 28 new street lights installed in the City of Terre Haute, making a grand total of new street lights installed during the Tucker administration of 460. This, for comparisons' sake, is more street lights than were installed in the previous 30 years and is a great contributing factor to the safety and well-being of our citizens, something that was sorely neglected and needed in our community.



Out of the Darkness



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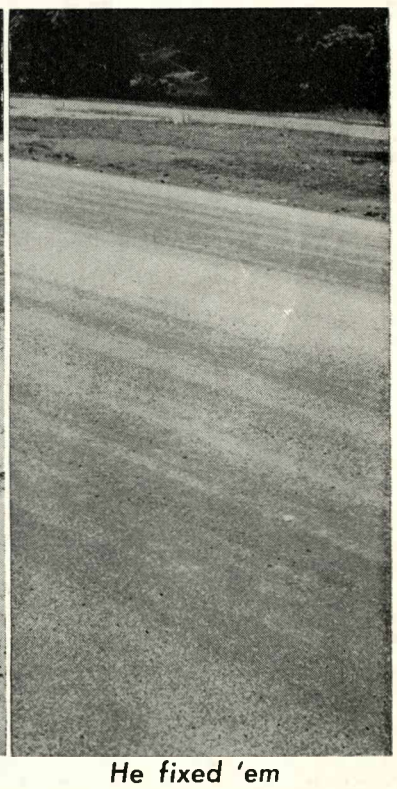


He fixed 'em

Health and Finance . . .

Department of Finance

One of the most important functions of city government is the Department of Finance. You will recall that at the outset of this administration, they were forced to borrow money their first month in public office. Let us look at the financial condition of our city today. You will find that there is approximately a half of a million dollars in the general fund of the City of Terre Haute, and not one cent was borrowed during the past year or the past ten years to operate any of the City's many and varied Departments. It will further show that for the first time in the City's history, there is a balance of some $780,000 in all funds of the City.

Certainly every person knows and realizes that the growth and success of any business or enterprise depends upon its financial condition; and we are proud to report to you that the City of Terre Haute today is in its best sound financial condition. The record speaks for itself.

GENERAL FUND

City of Terre Haute, Indiana

Balance, January 1st,		1948—	$ 50,859.21
"	"	1949—	122,463.67
"	"	1950—	134,791.79
"	"	1951—	222,985.08
"	"	1952—	224,705.99
"	"	1953—	245,857.63
"	"	1954—	135,678.25
"	"	1955—	235,624.72
"	"	1956—	315,637.62
"	"	1957—	287,870.65
"	"	1958—	331,575.26
"	"	1959—	470,849.21

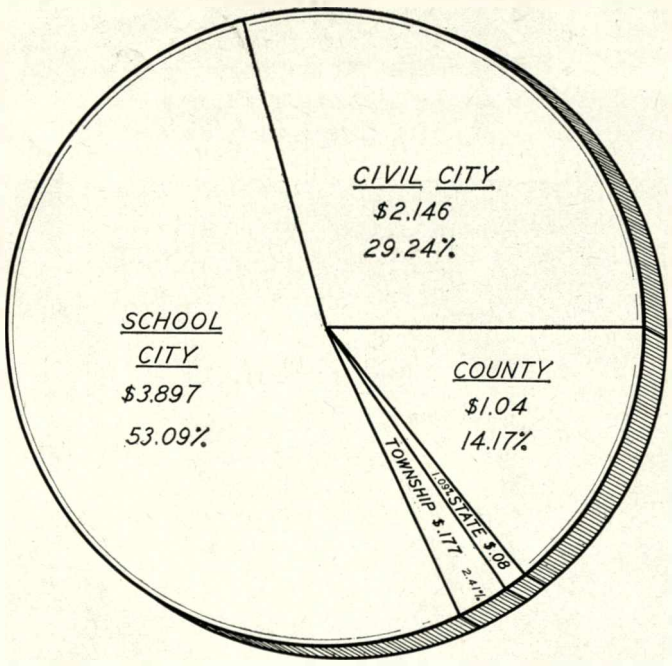
Board of Health

The Board of Health has established an enviable record during the year of 1958. The broadest program ever attempted by the city in the problem of mosquito and rat control was carried out during the past year. The entire residential sections were sprayed four times. All parks, cemeteries were included as well as the business districts in this program.

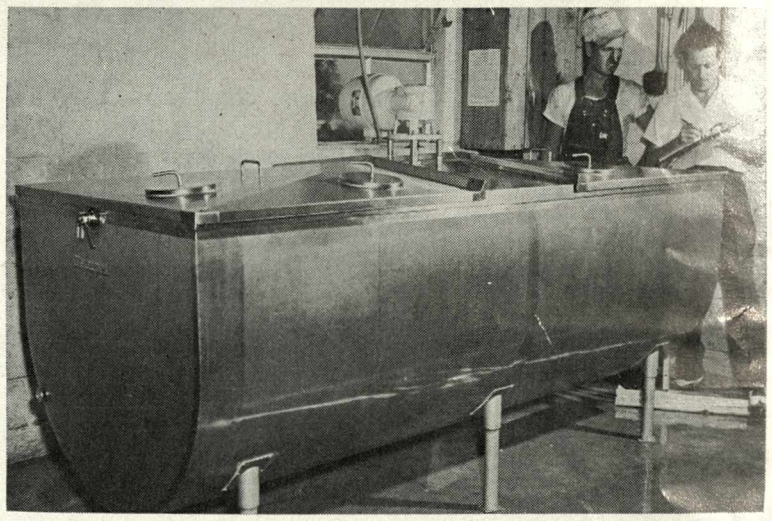
The Board of Health continued in its effort to protect your health. Great and important strides have been made in the past few years in this Department. Ordinances have been enacted to safeguard Grade-A milk and to improve conditions in restaurant inspections and in smoke abatement.

There were over 1800 restaurant inspections made for cleanliness in buildings, personnel, and food so essential to the health and safety of the citizens. Grade-A milk inspections from the farm to your doorstep. Complete cooperation with state and local agencies in the drive to wipe out killers such as heart disease, cancer, and many others. Not only can you be proud of your Health Department but you can have peace of mind that it is working constantly for you and yours.

Civil City's Share of Tax Dollar Less Than One-Third



The civil city's share of the tax dollar is less than one-third of the total amount collected. Above is the chart showing the breakdown of your tax dollar. Considerably less than one-third of your tax dollar goes for all the services provided you by the civil city. The civil city tax rate was reduced in each of the past years in spite of the fact of the many improvements, new equipment, higher cost of labor and materials . . . definite proof of good management in your city government.



Grade-A Milk — Protecting Your Health

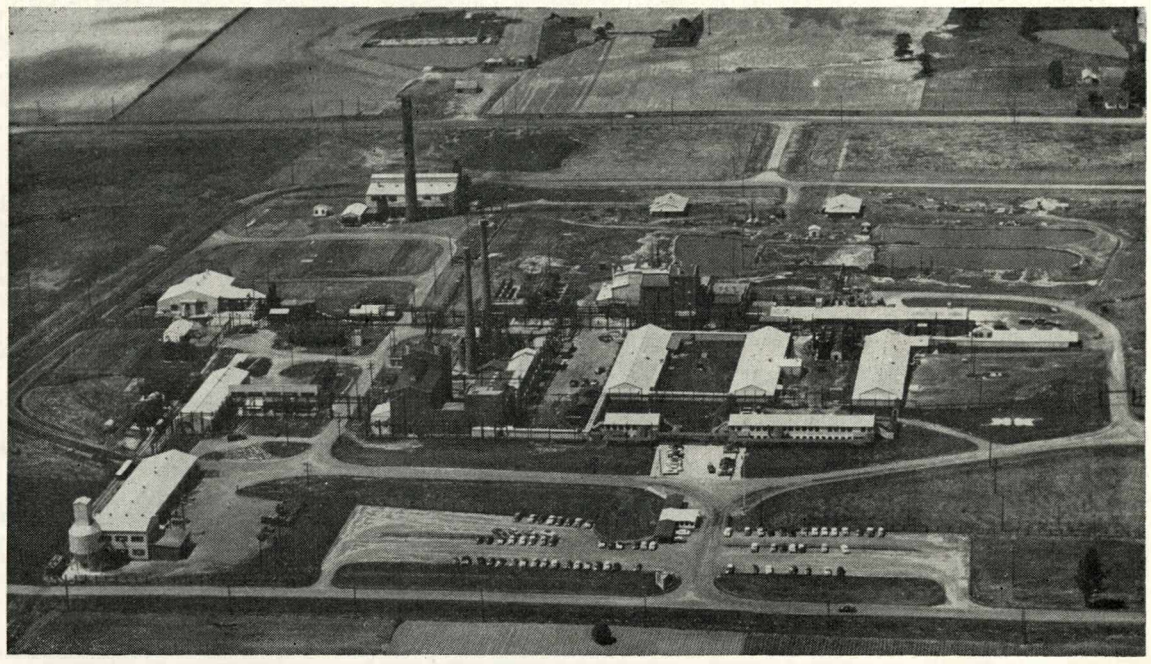
Mosquito-Fly Control—Guardian of Your Health

. . . Terre Haute Industry

What we in Terre Haute have realized for many years has been the need for increased industrial plants in our community to assure not only economic stability, but an opportunity for our citizens to work at a **decent and fair wage.**

At the outset of Mayor Tucker's administration, he pledged his untiring efforts toward the location of new industrial plants in our community. His plans were not small ones. His aims were high. Let us look at the results. **Fifteen new industries.** The over-all payroll including industry and business is approximately one hundred twenty million dollars. And we now have more than 130 diversified industries in this community.

Terre Haute is on the threshold of its greatest industrial expansion. We are alerted! We are prepared! Under Mayor Tucker, Terre Haute is rapidly gaining its rightful place as one of the leading industrial cities in the State of Indiana. These new industries realize quite fully that we are a community of some 75,000 friendly people joined together for mutual benefit; realizing quite fully that the employee needs the employer, and that the employer needs the employee. By our united efforts we are militantly determined never again to fall back into industrial stagnation, but continue in a determination to make our city a better place in which **to work, to live, to worship and to educate our children.**



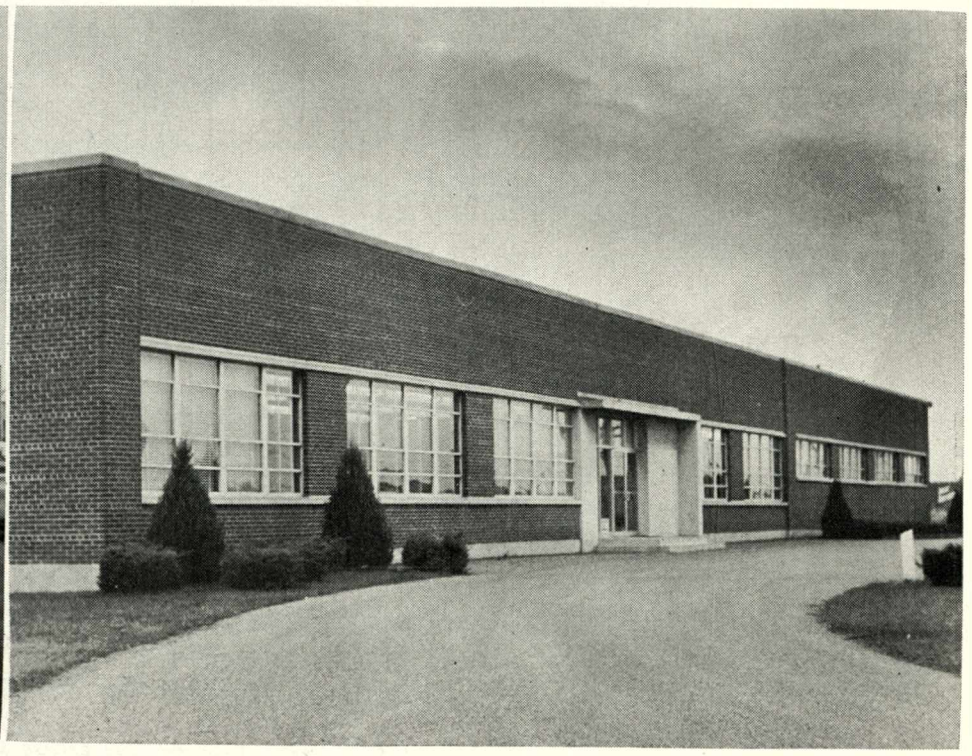
Industrial Expansion

Proudly We Hail

NEW INDUSTRIES DURING THE TUCKER ADMINISTRATION

- ANACONDA ALUMINUM CO.
- ALLIS-CHALMERS MFG. CO.
- CHAS. PFIZER CO., INC.
- COLUMBIA RECORDS
- GLAS-COL APPARATUS CO., INC.
- HILTON CONCRETE PRODUCTS CO.
- GWIN BROS. PATTERN SHOP
- REICHDRILL MANUFACTURING CO.
- SCIENTIFIC WAX PRODUCTS CO.
- TWIGG INDUSTRIES, INC.
- CANADA DRY BOTTLING CO.
- BEMIS BAG CO.
- TULIPS, INC.
- JACK'S TASTY SNACK CORP.
- HOOSIER FIBERGLASS INDUSTRIES

Another Example of Progress



Providing More Jobs for More People

Police and Fire Department . . .

Police Department

You can be justly proud of the record in the past twelve years of the Department that protects your life and property and your rights twenty-four hours a day. You have the best qualified, best paid, best equipped, largest manned police department in this city's history. And by Federal Bureau of Investigation records, your city is far below the average city in several phases of crime. Certainly we are greatly impressed with the apprehension of criminals of all types.

A pamphlet by the Chamber of Commerce stated, "Terre Haute has made a very substantial reduction in major crime as compared with former years".

The Police Department, under the Tucker administration, has consistently received national recognition from the National Safety Council. Terre Haute went almost a year without a fatal traffic accident which is the longest period on record.

Look at the record of accomplishments in this department.

First—Over $150,000 has been expended under the Tucker administration on new and modern equipment.

Second—For the first time in the police department's history, we now have a full time traffic safety officer, trained at Northwestern University for a one-year period.

Third—For the first time in fifteen years two officers have been trained at the FBI Academy in Washington.

Fourth—Under the training and supervision of the Police Department, all dangerous school crossings are now protected by trained civilian guards.

All of these are concrete evidence of the Tucker administration's determination to provide better services to the citizens of this community, and for the record's sake, at a reduction in your city taxes. Not promises, but facts!

Fire Department

The Fire Department. Once again, we can be very proud of this Department. It is recognized as one of the outstanding Fire Departments in the State of Indiana. It too is the best qualified, best paid, best equipped and largest manned fire department in this city's history. It has consistently received recognition and awards of merit from the National Fire Protection Association for its outstanding accomplishments. Further proof of its efficiency and expansion under the Tucker Administration.

First—For the first time your fire department is equipped and trained with a resuscitator squad, and unquestionably many lives have been saved by their capable, efficient service. More than 265 urgent calls for help this year were responded to by this additional service.

Second—Your fire department for the first time in its history, is now equipped with a three-way radio, assuring greater efficiency and service. These are accomplishments and facts, and not mere promises!

Mayor Ralph Tucker pledged expansion of all Fire Department facilities. Bids have been requested for the construction of two new fire houses in the southeast and northeast sections of our city thus assuring the citizens of faster and greater efficiency and service.

Fire Protection Assured

Mayor Tucker's administration, devoted to the protection of life and property of the citizens of our community is accelerated by his record in the installation of fire hydrants. In the year 1959 there were 46 new fire hydrants installed. As a matter of comparison, there has been a total of 320 new fire hydrants installed during the Tucker administration. **Ten times as many fire hydrants installed as there were in the previous 25 years.** An unprecedented accomplishment. This we believe to be precision in promise keeping.

- - - As a Matter of Record

Mayor Ralph Tucker - - -

- **LED movement to locate $3,000,000 Air National Guard jet base at Hulman Field.**
- **PROVIDED adult school guards at intersections surrounding all city schools.**
- **COOPERATED with civic group to raise $35,000 for establishment of Fairgrounds.**
- **OPENED dead end Walnut Street to facilitate traffic movement.**
- **COOPERATED IN establishment of blood banks.**
- **ESTABLISHED 8 new traffic signals providing further safety precautions.**
- **OPPOSING in courts unreasonable increase in water and telephone rates.**
- **SPONSORED urban renewal program.**
- **PROVEN FRUITFUL record of labor-management relations.**
- **SPONSORED new ordinances on smoke abatement and Grade-A milk.**
- **PLACED city in its best financial condition.**
- **HEADED drive to provide housing for industrial workers.**
- **SPONSORED program for new modern traffic signals and one-way streets.**
- **PROVIDED recreational equipment for our children in our parks without cost to taxpayers.**
- **AS PRESIDENT OF INDIANA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE, led legislative fight for State collected taxes representing a return to our city of $100,000 annually.**
- **THROUGH UNTIRING EFFORTS helped locate new industrial plants here.**
- **ESTABLISHED program for the safest, cleanest alleys and streets.**
- **AS A MATTER OF FACT, Mayor Ralph Tucker IS ON THE JOB, FULL TIME, EVERY DAY.**

Always There with a Helping Hand

At Your Service—Protecting Your Community

Getting Things Done

Encouragement

WHAT THE EDITOR SAYS

"The report of Mayor Tucker as printed in the Terre Haute Tribune presents a pleasing prospect. Terre Haute is financially sound. The new industrial prospect here is such as to give citizens a feeling of optimism and confidence, and labor relations, except in two or three instances, have been carefully conducted, reflecting a commendable atmosphere in this highly important part of our economy. The physical condition of Terre Haute is obviously improved. The paved streets have been well kept up, and the amount of street repairs has been extensive and well done.

The parks and cemeteries are visible displays of good management. Crime has been at a minimum, according to all police records, and there is a sense of security created by both the police and fire departments. Mayor Tucker has called into service efficient men and women, and the administration, considering the complex problems with which it has been confronted, has been marked by singular cooperation, and tranquility, and the general atmosphere has been one of efficient cooperation between city and citizens.

Mayor Tucker himself, has performed several achievements which have won for him the confidence of his people, and it is difficult to conceive of any more effective service being accomplished in some of these matters of acute importance to the whole community."

CEMETERIES SHOW MARKED IMPROVEMENT

One has only to visit our cemeteries to be greatly impressed with their appearance, care, and maintenance. Recently an extensive program on all drives and roads at Highland Lawn and Woodlawn Cemeteries was completed.

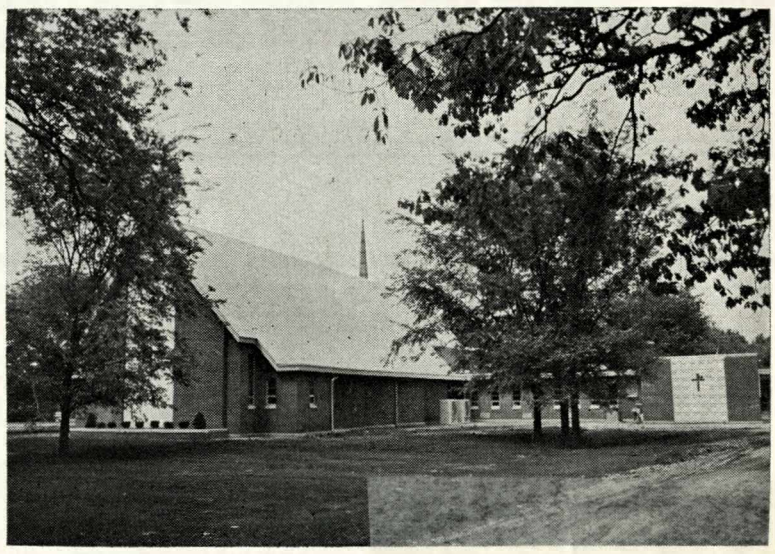
An attractive, protective five foot fence was installed at Woodlawn Cemetery. All buildings at the two cemeteries have received modern improvements and have been redecorated. Two new sections were opened at Highland Lawn Cemetery. A complete new water system installed at Highland Lawn Cemetery, making water accessible to all graves.

We are certainly proud of the care and maintenance and the impovements in our cemeteries.

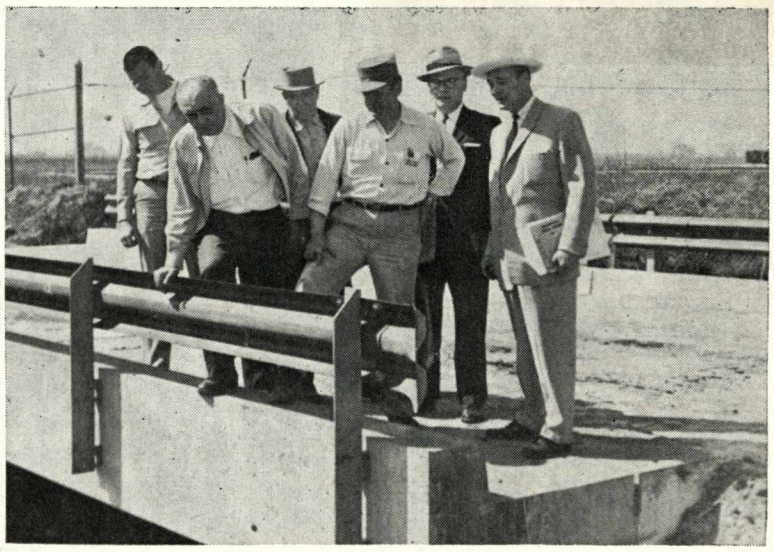
UNPRECEDENTED SPIRITUAL-EDUCATIONAL EXPANSION

It has been truthfully stated that a city is only as good as its schools and its churches, and certainly Terre Haute has been blessed with excellent churches of all faiths and the finest educational facilities to be afforded any city. The record shows over 10 million dollars in expansion of religious and educational facilities in the past ten years—an unprecedented accomplishment in our citizens fervent desire for spiritual guidance and knowledge.

Trained Adult School Guards



Spiritual Progress

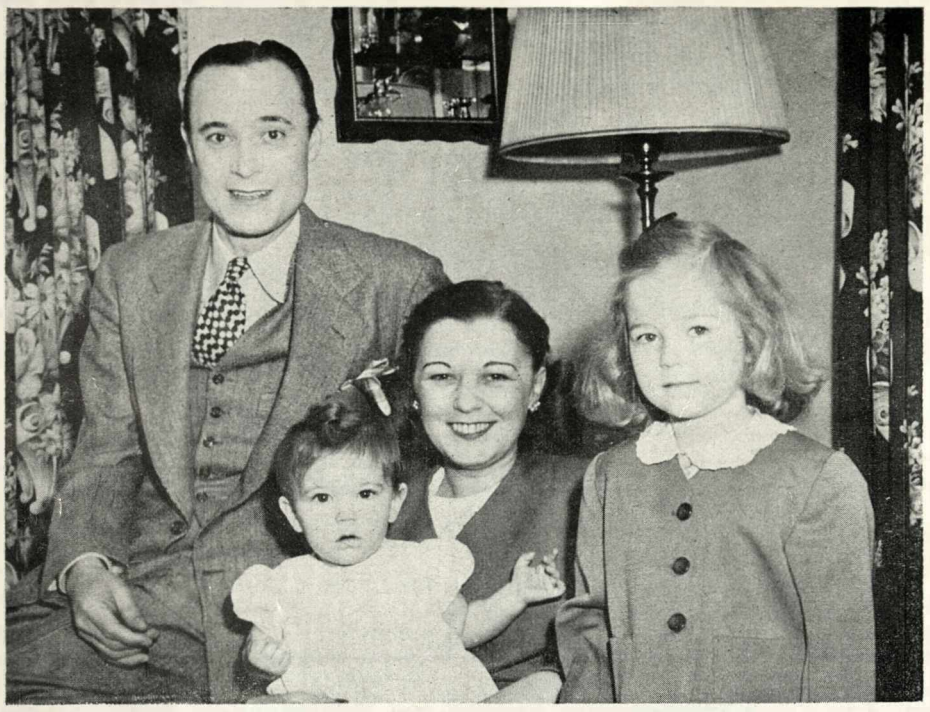


Progress is Our Business

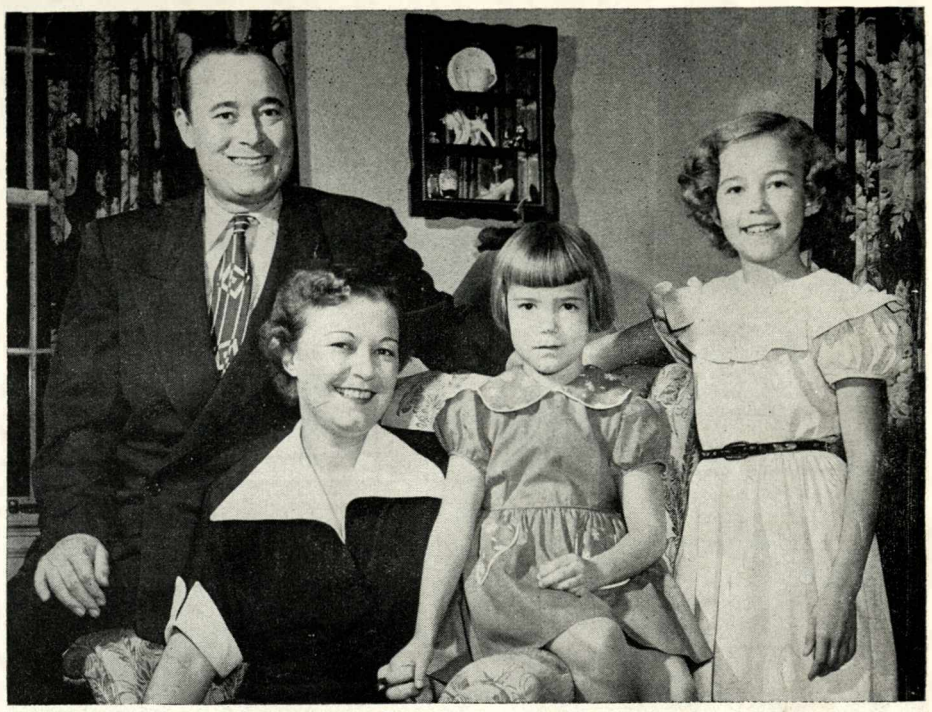
Cooperation in Every Worthwhile Project

Remember when you needed a guide

Growing With Terre Haute...



Ralph Tucker and Family 1947



Mayor Ralph Tucker and Family 1951

Mayor Ralph Tucker and Family 1955

Mayor Ralph Tucker and Family Today

MAYOR RALPH TUCKER'S
10 Planks for 1959 Program

1. **Continue the expansion of the Police and Fire Departments.**
2. **Continued extension of present sewer system. New main sewers through urban renewal program.**
3. **Continued efforts for more industry in Terre Haute.**
4. **Continued progress until every dirt street is surfaced.**
5. **Continue excellent labor-management relations.**
6. **Maintain city's excellent financial record.**
7. **Further efforts at railroad grade separation via urban renewal program.**
8. **Further extension of street lighting facilities.**
9. **New field house and auditorium with full-time recreation director.**
10. **Construction of swimming pools in our neighborhood parks.**

The TERRE HAUTE STORY is presented as a public service to both the present generation of taxpayers and voters, and to the youth of Terre Haute who one day will assume the reins of government. Its purpose is to promote and to advance a better understanding between the voters and the many people who serve faithfully in the administrative branch of the city government. It is the fervent hope of the Editors of the TERRE HAUTE STORY that this conscientious progress report to you—the citizens of this great city—will enlighten and point the way to a better, bigger Terre Haute—a goal that can only be achieved through the combined efforts of all of us.

The Editors would also like to take this opportunity to thank the many industries, individuals, and concerns who co-operated in making this report possible.

We would greatly appreciate your support in the re-election of Mayor Tucker to further assure the growth and prosperity of our city during the next four years.

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